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## Steps Taken to Perfect Legal Assistance Plan

The Lawyers War Emergency Committee of the Colorado Bar Association, under the chairmanship of Benjamin E. Sweet of Denver, in conjunction with the legal assistance officers of the various posts and commands within the Seventh Area Command, met at the Brown Palace Hotel in Denver to effectuate the purposes of the circular of the War Department establishing legal assistance offices.

Present at the conference, in addition to Benjamin E. Sweet, were Edward L. Wood, president of the Colorado Bar Association; Thomas Keeley, president-elect of the Denver Bar Association; Paul Irey, general counsel of the Legal Aid Society of the Denver Bar Association; Wm. Hedges Robinson, Jr., secretary of the Colorado Bar Association; Paul Fries, treasurer of the El Paso County Bar Association; Col. Frank E. Shaw; Lt. John Aboud; Maj. Richard Richmann; Capt. Arthur C. Murdock; Col. Neal D. Franklin; Maj. Henry Burr, Jr.; Major Howard E. Reed; Lt. Col. Philip W. Whiteley; Capt. Jessie N. Brans; Capt. Ralph H. Schaller; Capt. H. C. Kerr; Lt. Julian B. Fite; Capt. Homer G. Preston; Lt. George J. Lauranchok; and Lt. Jacob Agger.

After a discussion of the problems arising incident to the establishing of legal assistance officer in each of the army posts and camps within the area, the group approved in principle the idea of sending out to each prospective inductee at the time of his physical examination a guide which would enable him to assimilate information concerning his property holdings, insurance and obligations in order that the disposition and care of his property would be simplified in the event of his induction into the army.

A resolution was also passed by the group authorizing Mr. Sweet to contact the American Bar Association, the War Department and the National Selective Service Headquarters, with a view toward placing such procedure on a national basis.

Following the meeting a tentative draft of the guide was drawn and, after suggestions received from numerous competent sources, was reduced to its final form. The guide, which is being printed gratuitously by the Bradford-Robinson Printing Company as a part of its contribution to the war effort, is as follows: